



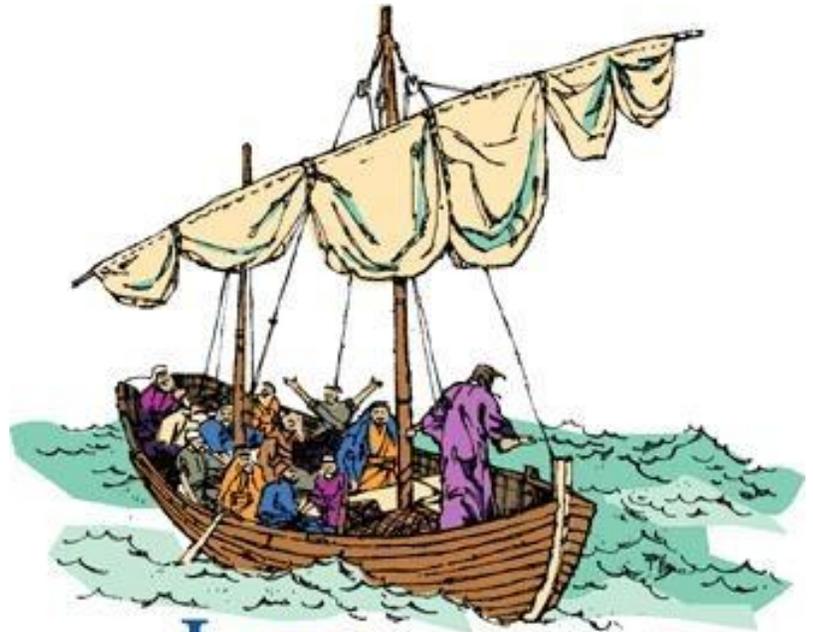
# Salem Lutheran Church

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A Reconciling in Christ Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*4th Sunday  
After  
Pentecost*

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9:30 AM*



Jesus calming  
the storm

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# Gathering

## GATHERING SONG

*Please note that here we go live on Facebook.*

## WELCOME

## OPENING SONG

Lord of All Hopefulness

ELW # 765

*Please meditate on these words in your mind and pray them in your heart,  
remembering that it has not yet been proven safe to sing together.*

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*Text: based on Matthew 11:28-30, Luke 9:11, 1 Corinthians 15:58 by Jan Struther, 1901-1953;  
Meter 10 11 11 12; Text © Oxford University Press 1931;*

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*Music: SLANE, Irish traditional*

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*Performance by a British Christian Music Programme, 05/20/14*

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# Word

## READINGS

### Job 38:1-11

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man. I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—

when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,

and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,

and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?”

### Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,  
gathering them in from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south....

Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.

They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD and you delivered them from their distress.

You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.

Let them give thanks to you, God, for your steadfast love & wonderful works for all people.

Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

### Mark 4:35-41

When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

## SERMON

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*So they can be heard online, these petitions will be offered by the leaders at the microphones.*

Holy God, you gather your people from east and west, north and south.

We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world,  
that your steadfast love may be made known to all peoples.

We pray for our mission partners, especially today for Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Disaster Response and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's World Hunger Appeal,  
and for Salem members & families, especially those celebrating birthdays this week:

Matthew Tomasko, Paul Baronavski, Annika Larson, and Elise DeWalt

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You laid the foundations of the earth and the waters are the womb of creation.

The morning stars sing your name and all creation shouts for joy.

We pray for your blessed creation, that it may continue to flourish and magnify your glory.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger, and unrest.

Guide worldwide & local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety & justice.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you, especially

Andrea, Audry, Barbara, Bud, Jerry, Diane, Dolores, Eron, Grace, Hazel, Jacob, Katherine, Liz, Maria, Martha, Ron, Sarah, Steve, and all we name in our hearts.

Bless all who suffer, especially people trapped in cycles of poverty and homelessness.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are close to the brokenhearted and near to those in distress.

We pray for those who are experiencing oppression.

Liberate us from the systems and chains that bind us.

Remove the barriers that separate us from one another.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You dwell with us in this faith community. We pray for our leaders and elders.

Grant them knowledge, patience, and kindness,

that through their leadership you may be exalted in this assembly.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your love endures in all situations.

On this Father's Day, we pray for those who are fathers or wish to be fathers,

for those with broken or strained relationships,

for those who are missing their fathers, and for fathers who have lost children.

Bless and strengthen them.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*You are invited to offer your own prayer petition at this time, either silently or aloud.*

*The pastor concludes:*

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen**

# Thanksgiving

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, you said, "Give and it will be given to you...  
for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

**Give us the confidence to cheerfully give**

**our tithes and offerings of time, talent and treasure to your work in this place,  
trusting that you will provide abundantly for all our needs.**

**We pray this in the power of your Spirit. Amen**

## OFFERING INVITATION

In response to God's grace,

it is our joy to return to God our tithes and offerings.

Although our offices at 3160 Park Avenue in Bridgeport, CT

are closed at present, our ministry continues because of your generosity.



If you are watching and are part of another faith community,

we encourage you to give your tithes to your own church first,

and, if in addition to that, you would like to support our work here at Salem,  
we would be most grateful.

Simply go to the menu on our website at SalemBridgeport.org and click "donate"  
or scan the QR code here in our Sunday worship program  
with a QR reader on your smart phone which will take you to that page.

*Please meditate on these words in your mind and pray them in your heart,  
remembering that it has not yet been proven safe to sing together.*

- 1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life's tempestuous sea;  
unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treach'rous shoal;  
chart and compass come from thee. Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
- 2 As a mother stills her child, thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
boist'rous waves obey thy will when thou say'st to them: "Be still."  
Wondrous sov'reign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
- 3 When at last I near the shore, and the fearful breakers roar  
twixt me and the peaceful rest, then, while leaning on thy breast,  
may I hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pilot thee."

*Text: based on Psalm 131, Isaiah 66:10-14, Matthew 8:23-27, 14:22-33, Mark 4:35-41, 6:47-51, Luke 8:22-25;  
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*Performance by Emmanuel Lutheran Church - Lincolnton, NC, 08/09/20*

*as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSvxTX-bzxQ>*

## Sending

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, THANK YOU, and BLESSING**

*Here ends our Facebook live stream.*

## Meal & Dismissal

### COMMUNION

God be with you!

Open your hearts!

Let us give thanks to the God of all!

**And also with you!**

**We open them to God and one another!**

**It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest and let these gifts to us be blessed.

**Blessed be God, who is our Bread; may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen**

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

*During communion, you may take your communion elements in church  
or hold on to your kit until you get home.*

*If you take the elements in the church, open the kit over the pew to prevent spilling on the carpet.  
After the service, take the empty kit to the wastebasket in the back of the church.*

The body & blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you & keep you in divine grace! **Amen!**

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone,  
Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When the shadows appear and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

*Text: based on Matthew 14:22-33 & John 16:15-21, by Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993;*

*Meter: irregular*

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*05/15/16 (<https://vimeo.com/166754526>), <http://www.hbbc.org/>*

*as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ix-kiQsWuOM>*

## **DISMISSAL**

**Go in peace and follow Jesus wherever he leads, knowing that he goes with you!  
Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

# Announcements

**You may have been vaccinated**, but please bear in mind that not everyone is able to receive the vaccine due to their health condition. The more cautious we are, the faster we can reach herd immunity and get back to normal. As Christians Jesus calls us to love our neighbor, so, please, let's all do our part to end this pandemic. It's not about how safe WE feel, but about how safe we make OTHERS around us feel. Thank you for doing your part to help keep everyone at Salem as safe as possible!

**During communion, you may take your communion elements in church or hold on to your kit until you get home.** If you take the elements in the church, open the kit over the pew to prevent spilling on the carpet. After the service, take the empty kit to the wastebasket in the back of the church.

**Sunday Worship Services** – We are now doing in-person worship with live-streaming to Facebook. Although we will be indoors this Sunday due to the adult forum and next Sunday due to the semi-annual meeting, *weather permitting, we will be worshipping outdoors as much as possible this summer, so please bring a lawn chair.*

**Our next Forward (Finally!) Adult Forum is scheduled for today, at 10:30.** This discussion will focus on the upcoming semi-annual meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup>. We encourage those of you who can do so to please bring your laptop, tablet, or phone to church with you and zoom from someone inside the building or outside. If you do not have your own device, you may sit in the Zoom Room of our Sanctuary where the zoom screen will be the large screen TV.

**Salem's semi-annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup>, following worship.** It will be an in-person meeting and with zoom access as well. If you would like to participate via zoom while in the church building, please bring your phone, tablet or laptop, and we will find you an available room.

**Wednesday at 12:00 noon Prayer Gathering at:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82882777326?pwd=VCtObFRPOGI3cTR3elllZmZmtiZEpadz09>

Meeting ID: 828 8277 7326 Passcode: 688740

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Our prayer gathering has grown from two to three to four to five to seven this last week, which is fabulous, because if ever we needed prayer, it's now! While we can (and should!) pray on our own, scripture teaches us that there is power in group prayer, and so we invite you to join us. You don't have to pray out loud, if you don't want to, but your presence with us will mean more than you know. The zoom link is on the calendar on Salem's website at Salembridgeport.org under the Resources Tab.

**Salem and Friends Prayer Gathering & Take-out Breakfast, sponsored by the Salem Men,** is normally held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 8:00 am, so mark your **calendars.** Although this used to be a men's event, it's now open to everyone, and we are most grateful for the men who sponsor it. (Thank you, Bruce for ensuring that this important time for talking informally about our faith lives continues even in the midst of a pandemic!)

**The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport ENCOURAGES ALL MEMBERS of our congregations to join in their Raising the BAR (Becoming Anti-Racist) 2021 Summer Series via ZOOM.** This summer we will join in facilitated conversations on Jemar Tisby's new book, How to Fight Racism. **You are welcome to attend any or all of the 5-part series every other Thursday beginning July 1.**

Each session is from 7:30-9:00 pm. The dates are: 7/1, 15, 29, 8/12 & 26.

Check out the reviews for Tisby's book here:

[https://www.google.com/books/edition/How\\_to\\_Fight\\_Racism/G7bWDwAAQBAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&printsec=frontcover](https://www.google.com/books/edition/How_to_Fight_Racism/G7bWDwAAQBAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&printsec=frontcover)

**Register here:** <https://ccgb.salsalabs.org/summerserie2021/index.html>

You will receive the Zoom link a week before the first session.

The Zoom link will remain the same for all sessions.

**Inner-View Chat'n'Chew** meets the **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 11:00**, so mark your calendars for **June 19<sup>th</sup>**. It's a time of fun and fellowship that gives us a chance to celebrate the gift that God has given us in one another. The theme for Evites are sent out to those on the Genesis mailing list but you can also find the Zoom link on Salem's calendar.

**NO Sunday Night Alive this month. We are a planning an in-person Caribbean night later this summer, so stay tuned for details!** You won't want to miss this chance to gather together with old friends and new, people like you and people unlike you - who LIKE you, even LOVE you, as the beloved child of God you are! So PLEASE, join in our faith-filled fun and fellowship -- and invite someone else to come with you! In September we will probably meet at 6 pm on the last Sunday evening of the month on zoom, in which case the link is here.

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82224426828?pwd=aTNKcUE4eEdINELiYlFVd1RnYlXOT09>**

*Meeting ID: 822 2442 6828 Passcode: 209780;*

*One tap mobile +13017158592,,82224426828# US (Germantown);*

*+13126266799,,82224426828# US (Chicago)*

**There are many ways to find the zoom link for Salem events.** The most reliable way is to go to our website - **[www.salembridgeport.org](http://www.salembridgeport.org)**, choose the Resource tab, and click on Calendar. Then on the calendar, go to the day, the event, and when you click on it, it will open up the zoom invitation. You can click on the link, or copy and paste it into your browser. To see how to do this, **[click here](#)**:

We also include the zoom links in our weekly email blasts, and in this announcement section of our Sunday bulletin. You can find links to Sunday worship materials like the bulletin, sermon, and donate page at **[www.salembridgeport.org/live](http://www.salembridgeport.org/live)**. Or to see how to get there, **[click here](#)**:

**Let's stay connected!** Pastor Marjo and Salem's Office Manager, Karl, work primarily from their homes but generally come in once a week to take care of tasks that cannot be accomplished remotely. If we can help in any way, please know that you can call Salem's church office at 203-330-3300 and leave a message and your message will be picked up remotely and your call returned. Please also do not hesitate to call or text Pastor Marjo at 203-982-3441. Please contact your Parish Nurse Carol if you would like to call, or send a card or note to one of our shut-ins. Carol will let you know if the person would prefer a call or a note. If you have extra cards that you do not need, please let Carol know.

**THANK YOU!!!** – Even though our staff works primarily from their homes, our ministries (and the expenses to fund those ministries) continue. We are grateful for everyone who continues to give their tithes and offerings to our work here at Salem. We are also grateful to those who have taken advantage of the opportunity to give online, especially to sign up for regular weekly or monthly donations. Every gift no matter how small is appreciated and will enable us to continue to do God's work in this place. If you'd like help signing up for online giving please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Marjo, Karl, Ray Anderson, Jean Larson, or Nancy Headford.

## **Upcoming Commemorations**

### **Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931 Monday, June 21, 2021**

Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured and taken as a slave to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.

### **John the Baptist Thursday, June 24, 2021**

John said, "[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease."  
And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus', just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet.

### **Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530 Friday, June 25, 2021**

On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time.

### **Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560 Friday, June 25, 2021**

Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as "the teacher of Germany."

# THE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF GREATER BRIDGEPORT

*If you're reading this online, just click on the underlined links for details.  
Or go to [CCGB.org](http://CCGB.org)*

## WHY DO WE ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE?

- [Why Advocacy - A Study Guide for Congregations](#)

The Council of Churches and our member congregations have prioritized the issues listed below for our advocacy efforts. Policy changes in these areas will have an immediate, positive effect on our communities and the neighbors we serve.

### Climate Change

*learn about how addressing food insecurity and reducing our food waste can make a huge difference*

- [Combatting Food Insecurity](#)
- [Ways to Reduce Food Waste](#)
- [Articles from Earth Day 2020](#)

### Criminal Justice Reform

*help us pass the Clean Slate bill and give people a real second chance*

- [Clean Slate Bill - A Study Guide for Congregations](#)

### Education Equity

*all children in Bridgeport and beyond deserve a quality education*

- [Call to Action](#)
- [CCGB's Goals and Initiatives](#)
- [Education Reform - A Study Guide for Congregations](#)

### Immigration Reform

*how shall we "welcome the stranger" with respect and care?*

### Gun Violence Prevention

*"do not stand idly by while your neighbor's blood is shed" Leviticus 19:16*

- [Overview of Resources](#)
- [Do Not Stand Idly By Campaign](#)
- [Congregational Toolkit \(PCUSA\)](#)

### Resources on the CT Legislature

*Here you can find basic guides, templates and resources for raising your voice and getting involved!*

- [Guide to Written Testimony for a Public Hearing on CT Legislation.pdf](#)
- [How a CT Bill Becomes Law.pdf](#)

## Ebony and Ivory?

Wonder why some of your friends are saying “Black Lives Matter” when obviously all lives matter? Wonder why when we have anti-racism laws, people keep talking about “systemic” or “structural racism”? Wonder why the church is so focused on this issue? If you’re looking for answers to these and other questions, here are some great ways to learn:

1. \*You can take the 21 day Racial Equity Challenge - <https://default.salsalabs.org/T6ccaac28-05da-4baf-88a8-d1c2b9b86893/464704ca-cfbd-4af1-9836-dc2cefbf86ab> - all by yourself, to continue to learn, reflect, and act. This is a great resource created by the Myers Park Presbyterian Church, in Charlotte, VA.

\*Also, here is a link - <https://default.salsalabs.org/Tc340bebd-4d68-4800-b754-7c48a473cd23/464704ca-cfbd-4af1-9836-dc2cefbf86ab> - to a document which lists these resources and our recommendations for a number of local and national organizations doing excellent anti-racism and justice work.

2. **Read the 2019 Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent**

& its accompanying Explanation at

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Slavery\\_Apology\\_Explanation.pdf?\\_ga=2.119362624.853575714.1565027421-1958052405.1536241629](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Slavery_Apology_Explanation.pdf?_ga=2.119362624.853575714.1565027421-1958052405.1536241629)

or go to ELCA.org, scroll down to “Resources”, scroll down to “Racial Justice”, and click on the Declaration to read and/or download.

3. **Listen to this video lecture** by Tom Skinner:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bvKQx4ycTmA> . It gives a much more detailed history of slavery in this country than we received in our history classes at school, & explains how it was the issue of slavery that created the divide between mainline & evangelical Christians.

4. **Read the book, Dear Church: a Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US** by Lenny Duncan. There have been many explanations for the church’s decline, but Duncan sees a direct correlation between the church’s lack of diversity and its lack of vitality. Part manifesto, part confession, and all love letter, Dear Church offers a bold new vision for the future of the ELCA and the rest of mainline Protestant Christianity and calls everyone –

leaders and laity alike – to the front lines of the church’s renewal through racial equality and justice. *Salem has a few copies of the book, so if you would like to borrow one, please speak with Pastor Marjo.*